

Welcome to St Philip's

The Anglican Church of St Philip's O'Connor, Canberra, ACT, Australia
We are delighted you are here (especially visitors on the web!)

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion
At 10.00am Communion bread is administered first, then the small cup for intinction (dipping). The two common cups for sipping follow.

Services on Sunday: 8am and 10am Eucharist, Wednesday HC 10am

Sunday 14th May 2006
Fifth Sunday of Easter



8am and 10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalm 22: 26-32
- 1John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8

Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song: 393, 699, 474, 153

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Blessing Song 799 sung by Denise Manley

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks!

Dear Everyone,

We are still in the season of Easter and fast approaching the celebration of Pentecost. There always seems to be a growing expectancy at this stage in the churches year as we head towards the celebration of the Holy Spirit. Our Gospel readings from John start to recount parts of the lengthy dialogue Jesus has with his disciples. They lead up to the promise of sending the Spirit. Today's gospel speaks of Jesus as the true vine and we as the branches that will bear good fruit if we are connected to the vine. This imagery is beautiful but I sometimes wonder whether we find ways to make it a practical reality.

When I was preparing the bulletin (the bits that I do) I was struck by how many requests there are for our assistance in time or energy. Brindabella Gardens, Calvary Hospital, not to mention our own church community of St. Philips are all in need of help of some type or another. Not to mention all the aid organizations that knock on our door. Not to mention all the political and social justice causes with which we could fruitfully engage. With so many requests for our time and money it is hard to know to respond. I am sure we all genuinely want to help; I know I do; yet there are many constraints upon us.

How do we experience being part of the True Vine, Jesus Christ and how do we bear fruit? How do we discern what God is calling us to do and how will we find the resources to complete that task? These questions have been friends of mine for a long time and I have come to believe that prayer and meditation are essential components of any answer, any sustained attempt to live them fully. They of course take time and commitment as well. There are many methods of prayer, many resources available. The Christian faith has 2000 years of wisdom and experience to draw upon. So I invite you to join me for an hour of Christian meditation every Tuesday at 5.30 to 6.30 pm at St. Philips. There will be some Taize chanting, silence, centring prayer and the opportunity for journal writing. The heaters will be on. This time was chosen so that mums at home can hand over the

kids to Dad and come along, so people can call in on their way back from work, so older folk don't have to be out late. It might not be for you or maybe you haven't tried meditating. It is different but it can be a blessed space to stop and connect to God and ourselves - as St. Philip said Come and See. I am starting this Tuesday the 16th and I will be there every Tuesday, same time, same place. If you would like to know more please come and ask me at any time (Excluding the hours between 12 midnight and 7 am!).

Finally a special thank you to all mothers on this mothers day! Thank you to the mothers who nursed and carried us, laughed and cried with us, failed us at times but kept on trying, worried about us endlessly and only wanted our happiness even if they couldn't work out what did make us happy, who always tried to be there in heart and soul. Thank you.

Peace and Blessings
Rebecca Newland

Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish \$1455 per week

(excluding rental income)

Offerings received 7 May: \$874.401 + EFT \$400. Shortfall this week \$180.60 Garage Sale \$677.90,
Anglicare \$50

Notices

Called to Serve?

The team from St Philip's who help with the communion service at Calvary Hospital on the first Sunday of the month need another helper. They set up at 9.30am and the service begins at 10.15am. They would like someone who is able enough to push wheel chairs around! It is a rewarding and very important ministry. Please contact Rebecca — 6161 7334

Clothes sorters needed!!!

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays at 5.00pm to assist with the sorting of clothes for "Pandora's at O'Connor". Please contact Kerry- Anne Cousins ph 6247 4928

We need a counter

Fred Anchell has generously offered to be one of the counters and bankers for the weekly offerings, but we need one more person to work with him and to be a backup. Please contact Rebecca — 6161 7334

Conference: Thriving Young People, Healthy Communities

On July 6th & 7th a conference on building communities and helping young people reach their potential will be held at Kippax Uniting Community Centre. Rebecca will be attending some of the conference. If you would be interested in attending please see Rebecca or check out the notice on the board.

da Vinci Code

The bestselling the da Vinci Code has caused quite a stir in many circles. At 7:30 pm, Thursday the 1st of June the Rev'd Dr. Scott Cowdell, in conjunction with St. Marks National Theological Centre, will give a public lecture titled What can the church learn from the da Vinci Code? The venue is St. Pauls Anglican Church Manuka.

Brindabella Gardens

The Pastoral Care Team at Brindabella Gardens urgently need new members. The team is oversighted by the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd. Carers facilitate the ecumenical services of Holy Communion and visit residents on a regular basis. Contact Kim Bonser on 0415436 724

Youth Pilgrimage

Bishop George's International Youth Pilgrimage is on again in 2007. Host churches and development agencies in Cape Town, Grahamstown (South Africa), Mozambique and Jerusalem are planning activities for the visit. This promises to be a journey that will grow young people's faith and change the way they see the world. Contact the diocesan office for more information - 62480811

WE PRAY FOR:

The World: For peace and stability in the Solomon Islands and Nepal and for justice in Myanmar.

In Australia: For wisdom for Australian authorities dealing with Asylum Seekers. (See the [Refugee Action Committee](#) web site) and for those facing the threat of cyclones in northern Australia.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers.

Those in need of healing: Noah Palethorpe (recovering from surgery), Michael Cockayne, Roy Arton, Anne Morris Bannerman, Tim Woodburn, Tony Kildea, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, Clive Lowes, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko & Jutaro Murase, Val Reeves, Jana Combs, John Webley, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt.

Please pray for Joan Grimshaw and family mourning the death of Ron last week

The Saints Julian of Norwich, holy woman and mystic, (d.1417)

On the web: [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#) and the [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#)

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Janine & Stephen

Flowers: Jeanette McHugh

Readers:

8am: 1st Rhonda Evans, 2nd Elizabeth Allinson

10am: 1st Jean Pound 2nd Joyce Webster

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton & Hardy

Morning Tea

10am Margaret & Genevieve

THIS WEEK

- **Monday to Wednesday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Kankinya Holy Communion
5:30 - 6:30pm: Christian Meditation
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** Rebecca's Day Off
- **Friday** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Joan Kearidge & Kerry-Anne Cousins
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Volunteers please

SUNDAY 21st May 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1John 5:1-12
- John 15:9-17 *or* Jn 16:16-24

Rosters:

Cleaning: Shane & Tim Woodburn

Flowers: Carola Parke & Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

Readers:

8am: 1st Peter Lindeman, 2nd Eloise Wright

10am: 1st Stephen Billet, 2nd Ann Munro

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Morning Tea

10am James Kim & Roger Sutcliffe

Pandora's income 5 & 6 May: \$468 reserved for future development of the Parish and Pandora's
Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.

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correspondence willingly entered into.

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